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Mr. Ronald J. Hewitt
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Dear Mr. Hewitt:

We commented on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Jefferson/Conner Industrial Revitalization Project on December 9, 1986. We indicated that we would object to the release of Federal funds for this project if our concerns related to identification and disposal of hazardous waste, noise, and air quality were not adequately addressed in the Final EIS. Development of measures to address the cleanup of hazardous materials was the most problematic area.

Subsequent to our comments on the Draft EIS, we have discussed our concerns with several representatives from the City of Detroit, including Ms Elizabeth Lowery, Mr. Charles Larham, and Mr. Joe Polito. Mr. Polito stressed the need for clarification of our comments.

In our December 9th letter, we noted that we would object to the release of Federal funds until a satisfactory remedial action plan is developed. We understand that including a remedial action plan within the Final EIS is not feasible. We will be satisfied if the Final EIS contains an outline and schedule of the measures that will be taken to develop remedial action plans.

On December 15, we were provided with draft portions of the Final EIS which were developed to address our concerns regarding identification and disposal of hazardous materials. We responded to this information by telephone on December 17, to Ms Lowery, with several recommendations for improvement. This coordination has been a significant effort towards resolution of our concerns.

We will review the Final EIS to ensure that it adequately considers our recommendations of December 17. If the Final EIS has adequately responded to the issues we raised at that time, we will indicate that we no longer object to the release of Federal funds for this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the EIS for the Jefferson/Conner Industrial Revitalization Project. If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact at 312-886-4244.

Sincerely yours,

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